Dear Friends,

Congratulations to our colleagues for two successful APCG panels at the 2007 International Studies Association meeting held in Chicago in early March. Thanks go to Steve Burgess for organizing the two panels and to Sandra Joireman for organizing a great dinner at Ethiopian Diamond Restaurant. Since then we have submitted two APCG panels for the 2008 ISA meeting to be held in San Francisco in late March – one chaired by Peter von Doepp on ‘Partial Regimes in Transitional Politics’ and the other chaired by Helen Purkitt on ‘Environmental and Human Security in Africa.’ Other proposals for that meeting are being taken until June 1: http://www.isanet.org/sanfran2008/.

The program for the 2007 American Political Science Association meeting in Chicago is now online: http://www.apsanet.org/content_2665.cfm.

Our panel, ‘Micro Foundations for Conflict and Democracy,’ chaired by Gina Lambright is scheduled for Thursday, August 30 at 8 am (same as last year)! Our APCG business meeting has been scheduled for Friday, August 31 at noon for one hour. Please try to attend. Also, we are proposing a dinner out on Friday evening for APCG members attending the conference (details to follow). We did not manage to propose an APCG Working Group for this meeting, but plan to do it for 2008.

And of course the African Studies Association 50th anniversary annual meeting will be October 18-21, 2007 in New York. We have submitted two panels and will schedule another business meeting for that conference as well. The program for the ASA meeting should be online in July: http://www.africanstudies.org/asa_annualmeeting2007.html
Our nominating committee has been busy and put forward names for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. In the next couple of months we will run an email ballot for those two positions. Candidates for Vice Chair will be John Clark, Florida International University, and Daniel Posner, University of California Los Angeles. Candidates for Secretary will be Sandra Joireman, Wheaton College, and Peter von Doep, University of Vermont. New officeholders will be welcomed at the ASA meeting in October.

There is still time to pay your $10 annual membership dues. Please find the 2007 Membership Renewal Form attached in this newsletter.

The deadline for the APCG best book award has passed but there is still time to submit nominations for the APCG best article award. Please send those nominations to Jennifer Seely at: seeyljc@potsdam.edu.

Dennis Galvan would like to spend some time this summer updating and revising the APCG website http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~dgalvan/apcg/apcg.html. If you have any ideas please send them his way: dgalvan@uoregon.edu.

All the best,
Gretchen Bauer

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**From the Editor**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Summer is officially here and we can get time for research and our families again.

I wish to draw your attention to a few things in this newsletter. First, please note the new initiative on an “APCG Program” for the upcoming APSA conference. I will be happy to facilitate this so please take the chance to advertise your panels and papers using the format in the box featuring our APCG sponsored panel.

Second, take a minute and fill out the Membership Renewal Form and send it with a check to our treasurer. In order to strengthen our organization, we need to be better at collecting (very modest) dues.

Finally, a reminder of submission deadlines for the coming issues of the newsletter 2007:

**August 20 (NB: changed!), and, November 30.**

Make sure to include your news, calls and publications - we all want to know about them! And it is a great opportunity for you to enlarge the readership of your work.

Kindly,
Staffan I. Lindberg
Newsletter Editor

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**From the Treasurer**

Thanks to everyone who sent in contributions for the APCG donation to the Donald Rothchild scholarship fund.

We collected $525 as of May 1. I anticipate sending a check to the fund on June 4, so if anyone would still like to contribute there is still time - but please hurry up.

With Best Regards,
Carrie Manning
Treasurer
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The 2007 Best Book Award: The call for nominations of 2006 titles closed on March 31, 2007 and the award will be presented at the 2007 ASA meeting.

The 2006 APCG Best Article Award: The Committee is pleased to still accept nominations for the best journal article in African Politics published in the calendar year 2006.

You may send nominations to any committee member:

Jennifer Seely, SUNY Potsdam, seelyjc@potsdam.edu
Peter Von Doepp, University of Vermont, Peter.VonDoepp@uvm.edu
Ngeta Kabiri, UNC Chapel Hill, kabiri@email.unc.edu

Nominated articles will be considered, as well as articles selected by committee members, and the award announced at the 2007 ASA meeting. The deadline for nominations is July 30, 2007.

APCG Panel at the 2007 APSA Annual Meeting

The African Politics Conference Group ASA Program Committee received a large number of very qualified proposals and has made its decision. We had several excellent papers and panels to choose from. Thanks very much to all of you who sent us proposals. It was a pleasure to have so many excellent panel proposals to chose from.

APCG Sponsored Panel

Title: Micro-Foundations for Conflict and Democracy
Chair: Gina M. S. Lambright


Citizen Education After Democratic Transitions. Lahra Smith, Georgetown University

Shrunken Democracy: Understandings of Democracy in Nigeria and South Africa. Elke Zuern, Sarah College and Ebenezer Obadare, University of Kansas

We look forward to seeing all of you at APSA. Thanks for your submissions.

Sincerely,
Amy Poteete, Concordia University
Jim Pletcher, Denison University
Dorina Bekoe, U.S. Institute of Peace
CALL: “APCG Program” for APSA Annual Meeting

As a new initiative, and a service to our members, we will offer to put together an APCG Program of Panels and Papers on Africa Politics at the 2007 APSA meeting.

We all know how cumbersome it is to identify and keep track of the panels and papers that interests us the most at the major conferences. Therefore, as a new service our newsletter editor, Staffan I. Lindberg, will accept emails from APCG members who wants to get extra attention to their panels and papers by advertising them in the next newsletter (that will come out right before APSA).

Send the information to sil@ufl.edu listing your panel and papers following the format of the APCG sponsored panel above, please!

Our ambition is to do this for all ASA, APSA, and ISA conferences in the future as a service to members and as a way of increasing attendance at our panels.


Members’ News

Catherine Boone, Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin, and Vice-Chair of APSA’s Comparative Democratization section, received an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) research fellowship for 2006–2007 for research on land-related conflict and electoral politics in sub-Saharan Africa. She also published “Africa’s New Territorial Politics: Regionalism and the Open Economy in Côte d’Ivoire” in the April 2007 African Studies Review.

Goran Hyden, Staffan I. Lindberg, and Leonardo A. Villalon are leading the participation of the Center for African Studies at University of Florida, in a new five-year research consortium program on Power, Politics, and the State in Africa: How to Develop Political Institutions that Work for the Poor. Other institutions in the consortium are Overseas Development Institute, the Center for Democratic Development-Ghana, the South African Institute of International Affairs-Johannesburg, LASDEL-Niger, and SHADYC-Marseille.


Aili M. Tripp (Professor, Political Science & Women’s Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison) will be editing the journal Politics & Gender, a journal of APSA’s Women and Politics Research Section, together with Kathleen Dolan (UW-Milwaukee) starting July 1, 2007. She ended a four-year position as associate dean of the Division of International Studies. Recently she won a Feminist Scholars fellowship from the Women's Studies Research Center at UW-Madison. She will be at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars after January 2008. She also won the 2006 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics.

Leonard Wantchekon, is running for for APSA Council. Lenard is currently a professor of politics and economics at New York University, previously taught at Yale University. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Northwestern University and his M.A. in economics from Laval University and the University of British Columbia. He is the author of several articles on post-civil war democratization, resource curse, electoral clientelism and experimental methods in the Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Political Science Review, World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Constitutional Political Economy, Political Africaine and Afrique Contemporaine.

Dr. Wantchekon is currently serving on the APSA international committee as well as the APSA Africa Initiative committee. His goal is to improve the interaction between comparativists working on developing nations with those working on western democracies and the U.S.

Leonardo A. Villalon has been named a 2007 “Carnegie Scholar” by the Carnegie Corporation. There are 21 scholars from around the country in this year’s class, which for the third year is devoted to scholarship on Islam and Muslim
societies. Villalon's project is entitled: "Negotiating Democracy in Muslim Contexts: Political Liberalization and Religious Mobilization in the West African Sahel." The grant will also among other things fund several fieldwork trips to Senegal, Mali and Niger, and support for writing.

More information on the Carnegie Scholars program is available at: www.carnegie.org/sub/news/Islamic_Scholarship.html

Recent Publications on African Politics


Ibrahim, Saad Eddin. 2007. "Toward Muslim Democracies" Journal of Democracy 18(2)


Lean, Sharon F. 2007. "Democracy Assistance to Domestic Election Monitoring Organizations: Conditions for Success" Democratization 14(2)


Menkhaus, Ken. 2007. "Somalia." In Al Qā’ida’s (Mis)Adventures in the Horn of Africa West Point Harmony Project (May)


Weiss, Herbert F. 2007. "Voting for Change in the DRC" Journal of Democracy 18(2)

Upcoming Conferences

June 2007

CONFERENCE ON FRENCH COLONIALISM IN AFRICA
The theme of the 33rd annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society will be “Rivers and Colonies,” but papers on all aspects of the French experience overseas will be considered. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to send proposals. Consult the web site for the individual responsible for proposals relating to Africa. The conference will be held in La Rochelle, France, June 6-10, 2007. See (http://www.frenchcolonial.org) for more details.

September 2007

The AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its 103rd annual conference on August 30–September 2, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. The theme of this year’s conference is “Political Science and Beyond.” This year’s conference will feature forty-six thematic divisions, with 730 panel and roundtable presentations. More information is available at www.apsanet.org/section_222.cfm.

October 2007

AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION’S 50TH ANNUAL MEETING, is held October 18-21 in New York.

IMMIGRATION, MINORITIES AND MULTICULTURALISM IN DEMOCRACIES, October 25-27, For further information, see www.edg-gde.ca

November 2007

ECONOMIC POLICY IN AFRICA (November 8-11, 2007, Dakar, Senegal) The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and the African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) are announcing their second conference on economic policy in Africa. The theme of this conference is: “Sector-led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development.” Authors should submit an abstract for each paper which explicitly states how the work is related to the conference theme, identifying paper title, authors’ names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers to Dr. Sylvain H. Boko, conference co-chair (bokosh@wfu.edu), by March 15, 2007. Some partial support for travel and attendance may be available.

Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships

NEW JOURNAL: AFRICAN SECURITY
is dedicated to new approaches to understanding Africa’s conflicts and security. It will address competing analytical approaches to understanding security, while engaging in discussions of real world security issues in Africa. The first issue of African Security is slated to come out in the summer of 2007. At this point, we are soliciting new manuscripts to review. If you, or someone you know, has a paper that fits the mission of the journal, we encourage you or your colleague to please submit it to us for review. As well, please be on the look-out as you attend and present at national and international conferences. You may, as well, want to email specific colleagues to spread the word. Below is a brief description of the aims and scope of African Security. James J. Hentz, Co-editor/managing editor African Security, Professor and Chair, Department of International Studies and Political Science, Virginia Military Institute hentzjj@vmi.edu

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE has installed a new user guide to improve the search function of its “Database of Party Laws.” Created by Kenneth Janda, Payson S. Wild Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Northwestern University, and Ray Kuo, the Internet database consists of 1,100 national regulations of political parties representing 169 nations. To read more about the project and to search the database, visit www.ndi.org/globalp/polparties/programspp/db.asp.
AFRICAN JOURNALS ONLINE (AJOL)
AJOL is being re-launched on its own website. It provides free access to tables of contents and abstracts for over 175 journals published on the continent, and also provides a number of additional facilities. AJOL offers a document delivery service, and full (improved) searching and browsing facilities, as well as a new Email alert function. The service remains free to both users and participating journals (with charges only for document delivery requests from outside developing countries). For more information, visit http://www.ajol.info

THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (WARA).
Pre-doc and post-doc.fellowships, grad. student internships, travel grants for West Africans, and residencies for West African scholars. Go to http://www.africa.ufl.edu/WARA/ and click on "fellowships" and "membership." Membership comes with a newsletter and lots of perks at the West African Research Center in Dakar.

JOURNAL OF AFRICAN POLICY STUDIES,
Middle Tennessee State University. The journal is an interdisciplinary journal concerned with global, regional, and domestic policy issues relating to Africa. Its website address is: journalofafrica.org Quality articles should be sent either via e-mail or regular mail. The e-mail address for submission is: joaps@journalofafrica.org

REAGAN-FASCELL DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIPS
The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program at the Washington, D.C.-based National Endowment for Democracy invites applications from candidates throughout the world for fellowships in 2008–2009. Established in 2001, the program enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and to enhance their ability to promote democratic change. The program is intended primarily to support activists, practitioners, and scholars from new and aspiring democracies; distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. Projects may focus on the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of democratic development and may include a range of methodologies and approaches. A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program. The application deadline for fellowships in 2008–2009 is Thursday, November 1, 2007. For more information and application materials, visit www.ned.org/forum/fellows.html.

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM in Democratic Governance at the University of Cape Town.
The Democracy in Africa Research Unit of the University of Cape Town announces the launch of a new postgraduate Honors/M.A. program in democratic governance within the university’s department of political studies. The program will combine strong training in basic research methods and social statistics with focused courses on the empirical study of democratic politics. Visit http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/politics/pg/pg.htm for detailed course descriptions and admission requirements. Application information is available at http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/hum/new or by e-mail (aweger@humanities.act.ac.za).

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM in Democracy and Democratization at University College London
The Department of Political Science and the School of Public Policy at University College London offers a master’s degree program in democracy and democratization. The program focuses on the design and operation of democratic institutions in old and new democracies. Visit www.ucl.ac.uk/spp/teaching/msc-democracy-democratisation/ or write to Sherrill Stroschein (s.stroschein@ucl.ac.uk) for more information.
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- *Nadia Horning*, Middlebury College
- **Makau Mutua**, SUNY Buffalo
- **Sheldon Gellar**, Indiana University

### Best Article Award
- *Jennifer Seely*, SUNY Potsdam
- **Ngeta Kabiri**, University of North Carolina Charlotte
- **Peter Von Doepp**, University of Vermont

### Nominations
- *Beth Whitaker*, University of North Carolina Charlotte
- **Robert Fatton**, University of Virginia
- **Goran Hyden**, University of Florida

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